

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood.

CONGRATULATING DIAMOND
STANDARD ON EXCELLENCE IN
CREATING AFTER-MARKET
PARTS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Diamond Standard, a Memphis based company, for receiving an excellent rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) for their after-market bumpers. The IIHS, widely considered to be a leading authority on crash testing and auto safety, describes itself as "an independent, nonprofit, scientific, and educational organization dedicated to reducing the losses—deaths, injuries, and property damage—from crashes on the nation's highways." IIHS found Diamond Standard's bumpers to be equivalent to factory equipment.

Diamond Standard is truly an American company that shows the American dream is still alive and well. Owner and founder Mike O'Neal started his work in the automotive business as an employee for his father, John O'Neal, who owned a bumper re-chroming shop in West Memphis. In the 1990's, Mike saw a demand for high-end, after-market bumpers. However, Diamond Standard did not officially begin selling its product until four years ago.

Today, Diamond Standard and its sister companies have manufacturing and warehousing facilities in Ohio, Michigan, Oklahoma, Washington State, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Taiwan. Diamond Standard provides jobs for approximately 439 Americans, including 65 in Memphis.

The collision replacement industry is estimated to generate more than \$16 billion a year. Diamond Standard provides parts to nearly 15 percent of companies within this industry. Because of the tremendous work they are doing, the company is worth an estimated \$150 million a year. Mr. O'Neal has said that the Insurance Institute certification has the potential to double Diamond Standard's business in the next 24 months.

For the past 5–6 years Diamond Standard has invested about \$2 million for research and testing to prove that its parts are comparable to those that are factory-made. Their recent invention of an after-market bumper that is comparable to a factory bumper is significant because it has never been done before. This new and safe bumper has the potential to lower bumper-replacement costs for hard working Americans.

Diamond Standard has given Memphis much of which to be proud. Its investment in research and development, revolutionary innovation and operational expansion is truly emblematic of the American entrepreneurial spirit. Madam Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Diamond Standard for the excellent rating they received for their after-market bumpers and for the bright future Diamond Standard will surely have.

HONORING ADELE LICHTENBERGER, RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY/NASA EARTH SCIENCE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Adele Lichtenberger, of Springfield, Va., for receiving the American Meteorological Society and NASA Earth Science Graduate Fellowship. This fellowship program is designed to encourage careers in environmental science—specifically atmospheric, oceanic and hydrological fields—for the bright young scientists. It selects promising students in their first year of graduate study who are interested in a variety of concentrations including meteorology, physics, mathematics, hydrology, oceanography, marine science, computer science and engineering. Ms. Lichtenberger received one of only thirteen fellowships from the American Meteorological Society.

Ms. Lichtenberger recently received her bachelor's degree in meteorology and physics from North Carolina State University, where she was recognized as the Outstanding Senior in Meteorology in May 2010. She has also earned the American Meteorological Society's Richard and Helen Hagemeyer Scholarship for the 2009 school year as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship for the 2008 and 2009 school years. Ms. Lichtenberger's studies were focused on cloud and aerosol physics, and she will continue this focus in her graduate studies at Colorado State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Adele Lichtenberger as the recipient of the AMS/NASA Earth Science Graduate Fellowship and for her commitment to her study of meteorological science.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE RYAN

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucille Ryan of Brooklyn, my cousin and Godmother, on her 90th Birthday.

Lucille has spent most of her life in Brooklyn and now lives in Whiting, New Jersey with her husband, Bill. They have been married for 58 years, raising three wonderful children; and have eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They have contributed to their church and local communities in immeasurable ways.

As my Godmother, I have known Lucille for my entire life, spending many holidays at her house. Lucille always kept a warm and welcoming environment in her home, teaching me the value of hospitality and a strong family relationship from an early age. As a person of deep religious conviction, I learned how important love, understanding and tolerance truly are.

To this day, Lucille continues to bring loved ones together and teach a whole new genera-

tion the value of family. The lessons and values I have learned from her will stay with me throughout my life. I congratulate her on 90 full years and thank her for playing such a strong role in my life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 29, 2010, I was unable to return to Washington, DC, in time to cast my vote for rollcall votes 581 and 582. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOSPICE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the month of November being designated as National Hospice Awareness Month. We may hear of hospice care from friends or colleagues that have had the unfortunate experience of placing their loved one in a hospice facility. Oftentimes, when we hear the word hospice, we think of it as a cold and uncaring place that our loved one may transition to before their final resting place. However, "hospice" care is a compassionate approach to caring for those who are faced with a life-limiting illness. It provides families with the supportive services that not only keep the patient comfortable, but educates the family and provides emotional support.

Hospice care brings together a team of specifically trained professionals and volunteers who work with the patient's doctor to provide a plan of care designed to control the pain and ease end-of-life struggles for the patient and family. The typical hospice team consists of the patient's physician and the hospice physician; registered nurses; social workers; spiritual care coordinators; bereavement counselors; dietitians; pharmacists; physical, occupational and speech therapists; home care aides; and volunteers. Some patients even benefit from having access to music, art and massage therapists as well, all of which are services provided in hospice care.

In the state of New York, there are over 20 specialized Hospice and Palliative Care facilities, three of which are in my district. If you read the testimonies from family members who have received any type of hospice service for a loved one, I believe that you would have a different outlook and better understanding of hospice care. Hospice is covered under Medicare Part A, Medicaid and private insurance. It is truly underutilized by those who would benefit the most and many hospices will not turn anyone away based on their ability to pay.

In closing, I no longer want you to think of "hospice" care as cold and uncaring, but a philosophy of services available to you and your loved one. The kind of health care services that are available round the clock; services that don't end once your loved one have